

❑ COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Answer the questions.

1. Why do people adopt less black cats than other colours?
2. Who was Pluto?
3. Where can you find Maneki Neko cats?
4. How are superstitions about black cats different in the UK compared to other countries?

❑ GOOD LUCK OR BAD LUCK?

2. Here are some things that people in the UK are superstitious about. Do you think they bring bad luck (BL) or good luck (GL)?

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| 1. Breaking a mirror | |
| 2. Walking under a ladder | |
| 3. Finding a four leaved clover | |
| 4. The number 13 | |
| 5. Touching wood | |
| 6. Horse shoe | |

❑ YOUR TURN!

3. Answer the questions.

1. Are people generally superstitious in your country?
2. Do they have any of the British superstitions mentioned in exercise 2?
3. What other things are they superstitious about?

❑ WHAT DO YOU THINK?

4. Do you agree or disagree with these sentences?

1. I am very superstitious and never do anything that will bring bad luck.
2. I'm not superstitious but if I have an exam I usually take my lucky pencil and wear my lucky bracelet.
3. I can't understand why people are superstitious. I think it's all rubbish.
4. I understand why people think that some superstitions, like breaking a mirror, bring bad luck.

